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INMED Donates Guitars for the Training of Disadvantaged Children

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< INMED Partnership for Children, Chairman, Ms. Linda Pfeiffer, at left, presents one of the seventy electronic and acoustic guitars to Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States, Professor, Dr Gordon Shirley, at center, who accepted on behalf of the Inmed Partnership for Children in Jamaica. At right, Robert Wright, Inmed's representative for the Caribbean. The presentation took place at Inmed's anniversary luncheon at the Madison Hotel in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, November 1, 2006.

(Photo by Derrick Scott)

INMED Partnership for Children has donated 70 electronic and acoustic guitars to be used to train disadvantaged children in Jamaica. In making the presentation to Jamaica's Ambassador to the United States, Professor, Dr Gordon Shirley, INMED's chairman, Ms. Linda Pfeiffer said that the guitars were made available through the Gibson Foundation and this was their first international donation. She said, Jamaica was selected through it's INMED's Program in Jamaica based on its emphasis for children and was one of the first recipients of the Gibson's Foundation donation. The guitars are specifically made for children between the ages of 8 and 12 years old. Pfeiffer added that INMED will be working together with the Jamaican branch to procure more instruments so that more disadvantaged children in Jamaica will have an opportunity to learn other musical instruments.

Ms. Pfeiffer said that Jamaica is a very important part of INMED's program. They have been working with the centers of excellence for teacher training in Jamaica and INMED will be launching INMED Caribbean and Jamaica will be the main focus. INMED's Partnership for Children representative in the Caribbean, Robert Wright said the donation of instruments is a new initiative being undertaken by INMED. He said the guitars will be made available to the Rotary Clubs in Jamaica who will organize music classes to teach the children how to play the instruments. Mr. Wright said Jamaica is renowned for it's creative arts and we have often times have talented youths without any instruments and formal training. This donation will no doubt help to bridge that gap and match the talents and the need for opportunities with these first world equipment.

Ambassador Shirley expressed thanks to INMED for donating the instruments.

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